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Price of Natural Rubber
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of natural rubber has come down during the last three years and the current year;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the prices of natural rubber during the said period;
(c) whether the rubber growers in Karnataka have not been compensated for the difference between MSP and market price;
(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to arrest the fall of natural rubber prices; and
(e) the quantity of rubber produced in India during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) to (d) Prices of Natural Rubber (NR) has shown a decreasing trend during the last three years and a slight increase is seen in the current year in Indian and international markets. Average annual prices of RSS 4 grade rubber in India and that of comparable grade RSS 3 in Bangkok market are as under:

Sheet rubber (Rs./kg)	Domestic (RSS 4 Kottayam)	International (RSS 3 Bangkok)
2013-14	166.02	155.25
2014-15	132.57	112.71
2015-16	113.06	96.36
April-October 2016	130.53	111.95

Fall in price of the Natural Rubber (NR) is attributable, inter alia, to trends in economic growth, production in major NR producing countries and demand in major consuming countries. Domestic NR prices generally follow the trends in the International market.Natural Rubber being a commercial crop is not considered for minimum price support.
(e) State wiseproduction of Natural Rubber in India during 2013-14 to 2015-16 is as under:

(Production in Tonne)

State	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16(p)
Kerala	648220	507700	438630
Tripura	39000	47000	44245
Karnataka	35230	34560	29400
Tamil Nadu	25000	23785	19495
Assam	13600	17310	14560
Meghalaya	7570	8510	7360
Nagaland	1900	2390	3020
Manipur	1065	1150	1660
Others	2415	2595	3630
Total	774000	645000	562000

(p)-Provisional.
Production of NR during April-October 2016 is estimated as 365,000 tonne.
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